

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 3, 5 through 14 and 16 through 20 were rejected on the ground of double patenting of the obviousness type over claims 1 through 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,235,453 (the “453 Patent”).¹

This rejection is traversed.

Specifically, enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the ‘453 Patent, thereby overcoming the imposed rejection on the ground of double patenting of the obviousness type. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 through 3, 5 through 14 and 16 through 20 on the ground of double patenting of the obviousness type over the ‘453 Patent is solicited.

In summary, the imposed rejection on the ground of double patenting has been overcome and, hence, all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

¹ Claims 1 through 3, 5 through 14 and 16 through 20 are all of the pending claims.

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